tics of the country. At present the Americans possess similar influence. And in the future it is very possible that the Chinese or the Japanese will superimpose their power on the Philippines. It would appear that even in their attempt to govern their own country, the Filipinos cannot avoid alien interference.

In the hands of the foreign group are found a large proportion of the business of the archipelago. The Chinese and the Japanese pretty well monopolize the Islands' domestic trade. Also, in the close community of Philippine merchants there are several long-established British firms of high standing. Spanish, German, French, and Swiss houses are likewise found here. Most have prospered.

The foreign communities are officially represented by their respective consuls. No diplomatic representatives will appear on the scene until Philippine independence is effectuated. A heavy burden is placed on certain of these members of the consular corps, and particularly on the Chinese Consul-General, who must look after the interests of his nationals who are continually becoming involved with the authorities.

Manila and other cities have been fortunate in the high-class men who have been designated by their home governments to serve in the Philippines.

There seems to be a *camaraderie* among men in the Far East not found in those who have lived the narrower home life. The Britisher becomes less British, less

formal 5 the German less German, less rigid; the Chinese less Chinese, less mysterious j the Japanese less Japanese, less profusely polite 5 the Spaniard less Spanish, less proud, and the American less American, less impetuous. Over their drinks and in their clubs men become men and not signposts of their national idiosyncrasies.